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Letter dated 9 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to forward herewith the text of a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia on 9 October 2006 expressing the position of the Government of Mongolia on a nuclear test conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on that day.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly.

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Annex to the letter dated 9 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia

Mongolia deeply regrets that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea proceeded with conducting a nuclear test on 9 October 2006 against the wishes and demands of the international community. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea's test will only result in further isolation of this country in the international arena and the danger of an arms race in the region. Mongolia reiterates its traditional positions in support of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and a nuclear-weapon-free Korean Peninsula, and reaffirms the need to find a diplomatic solution to North Korea's nuclear issue. Mongolia urges the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to refrain from taking steps that would further aggravate the regional and international situation.